

# The Cougar Chronicle



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## Important March Dates:

Deadline to re-enroll with half off enrollment fees	12
Spring Break—No School	15-19

## “Values and Virtues” dinner benefits NTCA

Tickets are still available for the special event “Values and Virtues: Raising Kids with Character” benefitting NTCA. Rick Atchley, dynamic speaker, author and minister of Richland Hills Church of Christ in Fort Worth, will speak at the dinner, which will be held Thursday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the NTCA gym. Tickets are \$30 per person, and include a pasta

dinner with salad and dessert. Free childcare is provided with reservation. Children of our guests will enjoy a pizza party and movie in the KidZone room during this event.

We hope you mark your calendars and plan to attend this one-of-a-kind event, which benefits our school. A registration form is available on page 5 of this newsletter.



Students in Mrs. McDougald's Kindergarten class enjoy playing in the snow last month.

## Open enrollment continues

While open enrollment for the general public will continue until classes fill for NTCA's 2010-2011 school year, the deadline for receiving half off the regular enrollment fee is fast approaching.

You will receive half off the regular enrollment fee if you enroll by March 12. There is so much excitement and anticipation coming with a new school year, and you will want to be a part of it.

Next school year will see a few changes in the school. With the addition of 7th grade, NTCA will have middle school students for the first time. The 6th and 7th grades will be considered middle school for the 2010-

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## Students compete in Academic Meet

Fourth, fifth and sixth grade students traveled to Austin last week to participate in an academic meet at Brentwood Christian.

The students had been working for several months

studying their competition events, including oral poetry, written Bible, math, science, geography, picture memory, vocabulary, and writing.

“We are very proud of all the

hard work and time the students put in studying and are anxious to get the results,” said Mrs. Paige Scott, fourth-grade teacher.

While in Austin February 25

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## Spaghetti Bake, Book Fair raise funds for school

The recent Scholastic Book Fair held at NTCA earned about \$1,500 in Scholastic Dollars to purchase books and equipment for the school.

"We sold just over \$3,100 worth of books at the book fair," said coordinator Janet

Chowning. "This number is several hundred dollars less than last year's total due to some of the weather issues we had that week."

The book sale, which was held the week of February 8, just surpassed its sales goal of \$3,000. It raised

money for library books, class sets of books, and even some technology equipment. The Spaghetti Bake on February 10 had a profit of just over \$500.

"Thank you very much to all of the fabulous volunteers who helped make this year's

book fair and Spaghetti Bake so successful," Mrs. Chowning said. "Your time, efforts, and donations made these events fun and beneficial to NTCA and its students."

### A Message from Mrs. Young

As I write this message, our fourth, fifth and sixth graders are in Austin competing in the TCSA Academic Meet. These students have worked hard to study and prepare for this competition. We are all extremely proud of their participation in this event.

Please take time to complete your re-enrollment form and send in your paperwork with the appropriate fees. Remember, you will save half on enrollment fees by completing and returning those forms before March 12. Please set up an appointment with me if you are considering changes for next year.

Our special dinner event for NTCA on April 1 is fast approaching. You have received an email with registration information about this special evening. Rick Atchley is an excellent speaker and accomplished author. I think you will be blessed by his message, "Virtues and Values: Raising Kids with Character." Please mark your calendar to attend and use this opportunity to invite friends and family. You can forward the emails that you receive to your family and friends. We can also get registration cards to you to give to family and friends. Please invite at least one other family member or friend to this event. This is a great time to show others about NTCA.

God is great! He continues to shower blessings on his children. May NTCA give Him all the glory for the great things that happen with our school.

### Save the Date:

April 1 — "Values and Virtues: "Raising Kids with Character"

April 2-5 — Easter Holiday

April 29 — NTCA Open House

## Students prepare for Google logo contest

The Doodle 4 Google contest has inspired elementary!

The search engine company Google is sponsoring the competition in which K-12 students are invited to work their artistic will upon the company's homepage logo. The theme this year is "If I Could Do Anything, I Would..."

NTCA is registered for the Google contest and may submit six drawings. Students are completing their drawings in Mrs. Krizek's art class. A display of the students' work will be set up during open house.

"So far, the drawings are very creative and I am beginning to worry about narrowing it down to six entries," said computer/

library teacher Donna Jones.

In order to enter a drawing, parents must fill out the two forms for each student from the email sent home recently. This is a national contest and the prizes are great.

According to Google, the winner will receive a \$15,000 college scholarship to be used at the school of his/her choice, a trip to the Google New York office for an event on May 26, a laptop computer, a Wacom digital design tablet, and a T-shirt printed with his/her doodle on it. The winner's school will receive a \$25,000 technology grant towards the establishment/improvement of a computer lab.

## Cougar of the Month

Dylan Shaw was the Cougar of the Month for January. He is in Mrs. Cristina's 2nd grade class.

"Dylan is a wonderful example of a student who is humble," Mrs. Cristina said. "Even though he is incredibly smart and talented in many areas, he is never heard bragging. Instead of building himself up, he is often quietly helping another student find his place or work through a problem."

"He cares about doing his best and puts a lot of effort into whatever the task is that he is assigned. He has the kind of



**Dylan Shaw**

gentle and quiet spirit that I think God is very pleased with."

Congratulations, Dylan!

## Classroom News

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### Mrs. Wallace's Kindergarten Readiness Class

We helped Mrs. Jackson's KR Class and Kindergarten celebrate 100 Days of School on Feb. 4. The students created posters, T-shirts and other items in celebration of the event. Then we combined classes for a brief Show & Tell so everyone could see all of the creative ways the students exhibited 100 items in their artwork. Our class Valentine Party was held on Feb. 11. The students had a great time eating tasty treats and passing out cards to each other. They also presented Mrs. Young and the NTCA Board with Valentine wreaths made out of hand-decorated cards from each of the students.

### Kindergarten

Kindergarten has just finished a study of rocks. We learned that rocks have differ-

ent sizes, weights, and texture. We had a great time showing off our collections and experimenting with them during Science. We celebrated the 100th day of school on Feb. 4.

### Second Grade

Second graders are learning how to write and recognize all Roman numerals and learning the English and Metric weight measures this month. We are writing stories that contain all the important elements as well as working on interesting sentences. We have begun reading *Flat Stanley* and have drawn ourselves in two dimensions. We have learned the four regions of our country and are currently learning the Northeastern states. We will write letters to someone outside of Texas and send off our flat students to have adventures

## January Students of the Week

### Week of January 4

KR – Bryce Tennison and Holland Bowman

K – Coleman Hicks

1st – Hayden Winstead

2nd – Rex Dooley

3rd – Tate Chaffin

4th – Chloe Jordan

5th/6th – Savannah Warner

### Week of January 18

KR – Camdyn Lovelady and Emerson Shouse

K – Seth Autry

1st – Joshua Vilches

2nd – Cora Brewer

3rd – Grant Fletcher

4th – Caleb Ross

5th/6th – Savannah Warner

### Week of January 11

KR – Bennett Edwards and Logan Conner

K – Sierra Santiago

1st – Morgan Pettway

2nd – Dylan Shaw

3rd – Garrett Krizek

4th – Preston Campbell

5th/6th – Bailey Boyle

### Week of January 25

KR – Laney Abshier and David Vilches

K – Hope Boyle

1st – Elisa Chacon

2nd – Riley Kilpatrick

3rd – Haylee Winstead

4th – Chloe Jordan

5th/6th – Aubrey Krizek



Kindergarten students work on their rock study.

of their own. In Science, we have begun to discuss particles, matter, and solids. Mrs. Jones is going to help us with our spelling this month with some extra computer lab activities. As always, we are busy learning about this amazing world God created!



## Enrollment (continued)

2011 school year. There will also be changes in the 4-year-old program. Next year's program will offer classes 3 or 5 days a week for all 4-year-old students. Many families already choose this option and this will allow for more growth as we expand with more classes.

The re-enrollment process will now be completed through RenWeb. This should allow the school to update records and track enrollment in a more efficient manner.

To begin, you will need to go to [www.renweb.com](http://www.renweb.com). If you have never logged in before or do not remember how to log in, the school code and the directions for obtaining your password were sent home in your child's folder. Once

you have successfully logged in, click on the "family information" bar on the left hand side. This will open a new screen where you will click on "re-enrollment" also on the left hand side. Check your child's name, click "next" and then follow the onscreen directions. Continue until you have clicked "finish." Please do this for each child you are re-enrolling.

Please return any forms that you were asked to print along with enrollment fees.

If you have difficulty logging on or do not have access to a computer, please call the school office (214-544-1794) for assistance.

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## Academic Meet (continued)

and 26, the students got to visit the capitol building and learn about Texas history.

In addition to Mrs. Scott and fifth/sixth-grade teacher Mrs. Meriann Moses, the students were accompanied by chaperones Melanie Boyle, Colleen Haaland, Allison Mains, Tony Jordan, and Kevin Kirkconnell.

A special thank you to Don Boyle and Honda Cars of McKinney for donating the use of three vehicles for the trip.

## March Lunch Volunteer Schedule

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for helping with our lunch program. If you can help with our lunches, or if you need to reschedule for any reason, please contact Theresa Winstead at 214.544.1794 or email her at [twinstead@northtexaschristian.org](mailto:twinstead@northtexaschristian.org).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Jason Bartlett, Kim Jones	2 Colleen Haaland	3 Eve Mendoza, Linda Ndofor, Joe Hicks, Tina Tennison	4 Marie Hoke, Anndria Wilson	5 Alison Mains, Sharon Dunlap, Heather Rose
8 Jason Bartlett, Liesl Bowman	9 Colleen Haaland	10 Kelly Chacon, Chris Vilches, Colleen Haaland, Tina Tennison	11 Holly Milstead	12 Alison Mains, Ken Dunlap, Teresa Shaw, Rita Atkins
15	16	17	18	19
<b>No School – Spring Break</b>				
22 Jason Bartlett, Liesl Bowman	23 Colleen Haaland	24 Kelly Chacon, Chris Vilches, Colleen Haaland, Tina Tennison	25	26 Alison Mains, Ken Dunlap, Teresa Shaw, Rita Atkins
29 Jason Bartlett	30 Colleen Haaland	31 Eve Mendoza, Linda Ndofor, Joe Hicks, Tina Tennison		

# *Values & Virtues: Raising Kids with Character*



To register please complete this form and  
fax to NTCA at: **972-547-6748** or  
return by mail with a check made payable to NTCA at:  
3201 North Central Expressway McKinney, TX 75071

Join us for a special dinner with  
guest speaker, author and minister of  
Richland Hills Church of Christ:

Rick Atchley

benefitting:



**DATE:** April 1, 2010  
**TIME:** 7:00 pm  
**PLACE:** NTCA  
3201 N. Central Expwy.

## *Event Registration*

Name (please print)

**Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

**amount to be charged**  **Mat. & Exp.**  **Var.**

*Ge'Né*

Children of our guests will enjoy movies and a pizza party.

*Carholder Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_ in the Kid Zone.

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